Highways have been returned to the respective State Governments. Presently there is a ban on declaration of new National Highways due to fund constraints. The Government may, however, consider conversion of very limited lengths of a few State Highways into National Highways during the course of the 10th Five Year Plan on the basis of the revised guidelines, keeping in view the traffic needs, *inter-se* priority and availability of funds, after the ban is lifted.

National Highways Projects in Andhra Pradesh

3699. Dr. DASARI NARAYANA RAO: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some external agencies have provided assistance for the National Highways projects in Andhra Pradesh:

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the present status of each of such projects?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS [MAJOR GENERAL (RETD.) B.C. KHANDURI]:(a)YesSir.

(b) and (c) Seven External Aided Projects covering a length of 242 km in Andhra Pradesh have been taken up. All projects have been completed. The details of the projects are:

SI. No.	Stretch	NH No.	Length (km)	Funding agency	Status
1	2	3	4	5	6
1.	From km 325/0 to 380/0 of Vijayawada-Chilkaluripet Section	5	25	JBIC	Completed
2.	From km 380/0 to 396/9 of Vijayawada-Chilkaluripet Section	5	32	JBIC	-do-
3.	From km 408/0 to 420/5 of Vijayawada-Chilkaluripet Section	5	23.78	JBIC	-do-

1	2	3	4	5	6
4.	From km 10/8 to 13/68 of Vijayawada-Chilkaluripet Section	5	2.88	JBIC	-do-
5.	From km % to 75/0 of Vijayawada-Elluru section	5	72	ADB	-do-
6.	From km 359/0 to 397/0 of Ankapalli-Vishakhaptnam section	5	38	ADB	-do-
5.	From km 217/0 to 265/0 of Nandigama-Vijayawada section	9	48	ADB	-do-
	Total		241.66		

Declaration of National Highways in Rajasthan

3700. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State Government of Rajasthan has proposed to declare more roads in the State as National Highways;

(b) if so, what action has been taken by Government in this regard;

(c) whether Government intend to consider the proposals based on the criteria forwarded by the State Government;

(d) if so, the details therof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS [MAJOR GENERAL (RETD.) B.C. KHANDURI]: (a) to (e) All proposals for conversion of State roads into National Highways have been returned to the respective State Governments including those of Rajasthan. Presently there is a ban on declaration of new National Highways due to fund constraints. The Government may, however, consider conversion of very limited lengths of a few State Highways into National Highways during the course of the 10th Five Year Plan on the basis of the revised guidelines, keeping in view the traffic needs, *inter-se* priority and availability of funds, after the ban is lifted.